

PARTIAL TRANSCRIPTION - ORIGINAL FOLLOWS

I FIND IT DIFFICULT MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS NEXT STEP. WHILE CAN SEE ADVANTAGE TO CONTINUATION OF TALKS, ANY DISPOSITION ON OUR PART TO EXPLORE FURTHER SOY THINKING COULD BE MISINTERPRETED BY THEM IN VIEW OF RIGID POSITION THEY HAVE TAKEN. THEY HAVE TABLED FREE CITY PROPOSAL EVEN THOUGH ALREADY TOLD IT WAS UNACCEPTABLE AND WE COULD OF COURSE TABLE PAPER ON INTERNATIONAL ACCESS AUTHORITY EVEN THOUGH THEY HAVE REJECTED IT. AM INCLINED BELIEVE WE SHOULD STATE THAT THEIR PROPOSAL DOES NOT LEAVE BASIS FOR NEGOTIATIONS SINCE THEIR THINKING CLEARLY IS TO LEAVE.

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I POINTED OUT GROMYKO MADE NO REAL EFFORT TO PROBE OUR POSITION ON "OTHER QUESTIONS" AND ROBERTS INCLINED AGREE WITH POINT 5 MYTEL 1933.

IN FURTHER STUDY OF MY TALK, ALMOST ONLY NEW POINT I CAN FIND IS INDICATION OF SOV WILLINGNESS CONTINUE MAN (TEMPORARILY) CHECKPOINT QDR BORDER AFTER CONCLUSION FREE CITY AGREEMENT. I FIND IT SOMEWHAT CURIOUS THAT GROMYKO ASKED NO QUESTIONS ABOUT INTERNATIONAL AUTHORITY IDEA EVEN FOR PURPOSE OF BEING IN BETTER POSITION TO SACK IT DOWN.

I FIND IT DIFFICULT MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS AT PRESENT WHILE CAN SEE ADVANTAGE TO CONTINUATION OF TALKS, DISPOSITION OF SOV QDR QDR AND EXPLORE FURTHER SOV TALKING AND TALKING WITH QDR QDR

IN THIS CONNECTION, I WOULD RECOMMEND THAT WE EVEN THIS POINT, WE SHOULD NOT GO ON WITH TALKS, WE SHOULD WAIT FOR NECESSARY INFORMATION

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BERLIN TO HENRY OF EAST GERMANY. I TALKED TO HENRY WE SHOULD TURN TO DISCUSSION OF HOW WE COULD GET OUT OF THIS SICK SEPARATE TREATY IN ORDER TO AVOID A DANGEROUS SITUATION.

I SHOULD THINK THAT WHEN PRESENT SOVIET POSITION BECOMES KNOWN PUBLIC OPINION IN ENGLAND AND IN WEST GERMANY WOULD BE SATISFIED THAT WE HAVE MADE REASONABLE EFFORT FIND BASIS FOR NEGOTIATIONS. SHOULD THAT BE PROBABLY ALSO TRUE OF WEST GERMANY, SOME PROBLEM WOULD PROBABLY REMAIN HOWEVER FOR BRITISH. ASSUMING SOVIET POSITION WOULD NOT DEPART VERY FAR FROM THAT TAKEN BY GROMYKO, PARTICULARLY ON KEY POINT OF ACCESS; IT BEEMS TO ME THERE IS SOMETHING TO BE SAID FOR MACHMILLAN-HOME VISIT TO MOSCOW SINCE FAILURE OF SUCH MISSION SHOULD ENABLE US PRESENT REALLY UNITED FRONT. POINT ON WHICH BRITISH THEMSELVES MOST LIKELY BE SOFT, NAMELY RECOGNITION GDR, WOULD PROBABLY ITSELF NOT BE ENOUGH TO GET SOVIETS TO AGREE TO ADEQUATE ARRANGEMENTS FOR ACCESS AND I WOULD DOUBT THAT BRITISH WOULD RISK IN PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES BREAK IN POLICY WITH OTHER WESTERN POWERS PARTICULARLY US.

ALTERNATIVE MIGHT BE ADENAUER INVITATION TO KHRUSHCHEV. AT OUR LAST AMBASSADORS' MEETING KROLL SAID ADENAUER PERSONALLY DISLIKED NEGOTIATING WITH KHRUSHCHEV AND MUCH PREFERRED DEAL WITH MIKOYAN. KROLL EXPLAINED TO HIM THIS WOULD NOT BE MEANINGFUL, FROM WHICH I TAKE IT THAT QUITE POSSIBLY KROLL HAD ADVOCATED ADENAUER-KHRUSHCHEV MEETING. ADENAUER-KHRUSHCHEV MEETING, WHICH WOULD ALMOST CERTAINLY FAIL, WOULD STILL LEAVE US WITH PROBLEM OF BRITISH OPINION.

MEETING BETWEEN PRESIDENT AND KHRUSHCHEV IN PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES SEEKS TO ME OUT OF QUESTION AND SHOULD BE HELD IN RESERVE.

DEPT MAY WISH CONSIDER CALLING ME HOME FOR CONSULTATION FOLLOWING MY NEXT TRIP WEST GERMANY AND AUSTRIA. ON THIS TIME, DEPENDING ON NATURE THOSE CONVERSATIONS.

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